

CAEU helps bring about joint Arab economic action

Following is the second of a three-part series based on a lecture given by Dr. Fakhri Qaddouri, secretary general of the Council of Arab Economic Unity (CAEU), during a recent visit to the Vienna headquarters of the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO). Following his historical background to joint Arab economic action, presented yesterday, Dr. Qaddouri discusses CAEU's structure and the steps so far taken to increase cooperation and coordination among the Arab League's member states. Tomorrow, Dr. Qaddouri will give an outline of economic resolutions adopted at the Amman Arab summit conference and evaluates the progress of joint Arab economic action.

THE COUNCIL of Arab Economic Unity (CAEU) which has been established as the highest authority in the agreement, consists of the representatives of the member states who are usually the ministers of finance or trade. It is headed alternately by each of the member states for a period of one year. CAEU meets twice a year. Each meeting is preceded, by one day, by a meeting of the ministers' deputies. The deputies discuss the progress of the previous six months, prepare the agenda for the ministerial meeting and draft the recommended decisions. There are several permanent and temporary technical committees which study the technical details of different economic questions and submit their reports to the council through the ministers' deputies. The signatories may appoint a representative to each of the permanent committees in addition to a permanent delegate at the council's headquarters. According to Article 7 of the agreement, the council is considered financially and administratively an independent entity that has its own budget and its own rules and regulations. The budget is approved by the council each year and member states subscribe to it in proportion to their population. The general secretariat of the council is headed by a secretary general who is appointed by the council for a five-year term and is assisted by two assistant secretaries general. Furthermore, the members of the general secretariat, to the extent possible, come from the different member states in more or less the same proportion as their subscriptions in the budget.

Achievements of the CAEU

FOR THE past 16 years, the Council of Arab Economic Unity has been able to accumulate many important achievements through its ordinary sessions and 8 special sessions which have been held since its establishment.

1. Arab Common Market:

A resolution to establish an Arab Common Market was taken by the Council on Aug. 13, 1964. The aims of the market are specified in a text of that resolution as the accomplishment of the following aims among member states of the market:

- Freedom of personal and capital mobility.
- Freedom of exchange of foreign and national goods and products.
- Freedom of residence, work, employment and practice of economic activities.
- Freedom of transport, transit and use of transport vehicles, ports and civilian airports.

The resolution specifies how the national products that are traded between the member states of the Arab Common Market are to be exempted from all custom and similar taxes. The exemption has been accomplished in clearly defined stages which have ended in 1971. It is now in effect. The products become eligible for exemption when the local costs of production, including the cost of materials from other members of the market, reach 40 per cent or more of the total cost of production. It is also stated in the same resolution that the trading of national products should be free from all monetary, quantitative and administrative restrictions. However, in actual practice, it has not been possible to completely liberate the trading of these products from all these restrictions.

The member states of the Arab Common Market are Jordan, Syria, Iraq, Egypt, Libya and Mauritania. However, Egypt's membership in the market, as well as in the Arab Economic Unity Agreement, has been suspended in accordance with a council resolution that was taken on March 31, 1979.

Since the middle of 1978, the council has given special attention to the development and progress of the Arab Common Market. For this purpose, several further resolutions have been taken by the council concerning the following matters:

- Introducing a special flexible means for the least developed Arab states, namely, Sudan, Somalia, the Arab Republic of Yemen, People's Democratic Republic of Yemen, and Mauritania, to join the Arab Common Market with special consideration of their economic and financial capabilities. Negotiations are currently under way with these states to join the market on an expeditious basis that is acceptable to all of them, especially after Mauritania became a member of the market on July 3, 1980.
- The approval in principle of the establishment of a fund to compensate the least-developed countries for a specified period of time for financial losses that are incurred as a result of joining the Arab Common Market.
- The approval to start the preparations of legal, technical and administrative prerequisites for the unification of tariffs levied by the market member states on products imported from non-member countries.
- Formation of a committee of deputies of the concerned ministers in the Arab Common Market states to deal with the difficulties confronting the member states in the application of market rulings, and to propose the appropriate means for the promotion of its activities.

The steps that have been taken within the framework of these decisions are expected to bolster the Arab Common Market with new members and with closer and more complete application of its rulings.

2. Multilateral agreements

The Council has initiated several multilateral agreements with the aim of achieving the objectives of the Economic Unity Agreement. They are the following:

- Agreement on basic levels of social insurance.
- Agreement on reciprocity in the social insurance systems.
- Agreement on labour mobility.
- Agreement on organisation of transit trade.
- Agreement on avoidance of double taxation and elimination of tax evasion.
- Agreement on cooperation in collection of taxes.
- Agreement on capital investment and mobility.
- Agreement on settlement of investment disputes between host Arab countries and the citizens of other Arab countries.

3. Joint Arab Companies

Along with the objectives of economic development and integration, the council promotes the establishment of joint venture companies in different economic sectors. Governments of member states and non-member states of the council may share in these companies. The companies that have been established by the council so far are the following:

- The Arab Mining Company, with headquarters in Amman, has a capital of 120 million Kuwaiti dinars.
- The Arab Company for Livestock Development, with headquarters in Damascus, has a capital of 60 million Kuwaiti dinars.
- The Arab Company for Drug Industries and Medical Appliances, with headquarters in Amman, has a capital of 60 million Kuwaiti dinars.
- The Arab Company for Industrial Investment, with headquarters in Baghdad, has a capital of 150 million Iraqi dinars.

All four companies are organised as holding companies that have independent entities. Their policies and activities are primarily determined by their boards of directors and general assemblies.

4. Specialised Arab unions and federations

As a practical approach for increasing cooperation and coordination among production and service enterprises in any one field, the Council of Arab Economic Unity has relied on the specialised Arab unions and federations, 13 of which have been established at different dates in cooperation with the Arab Organisation for Industrial Development. They are the following:

- The Arab Federation for Textile Industries with headquarters in Damascus.
- The Arab Federation for Chemical Fertilisers Producers with headquarters in Kuwait.
- The Arab Federation for Engineering Industries with headquarters in Baghdad.
- The Arab Union for Fish Producers with headquarters in Baghdad.
- The Arab Union for Food Industries with headquarters in Baghdad.
- The Arab Sea-Ports Federation with headquarters in Basrah, Iraq.
- The Arab Federation for Cement and Building Materials with headquarters in Damascus.
- The Arab Federation for Paper Industries with headquarters in Baghdad.
- The Arab Sugar Federation with headquarters in Khartoum.
- The Arab Federation for Leather Industries with headquarters in Damascus.
- The Arab Railways Federation with headquarters in Aleppo, Syria.
- The Arab Union of Land Transport with headquarters in Amman.
- The Arab Federation of Shipping with headquarters in Baghdad.

The Arab specialised unions and federations, most of which are producers' associations, include in their membership enterprises from the public, private and mixed public and private sectors. Their policies and activities are governed by their boards of directors and general assemblies.

5. Planning

The Council of Arab Economic Unity has concentrated primarily on two aspects of planning:

- Coordination between development plans of Arab countries.
- The formulation of a joint Arab development plan.

For this purpose, the general secretariat of the council has been working for several years on the preparation of sectoral and country

studies, and on the framework and bases of a joint Arab development plan. In this respect, joint efforts in conjunction with the U.N. Development Programme are being continued.

One of the important resolutions that the council has taken on planning is that concerning the unification of the periods of development plans in Arab countries and of their starting dates so that all plans would cover a five-year period beginning Jan. 1, 1981 and ending on Dec. 31, 1985 and so on. Several of the Arab states are now following this time pattern of planning as a necessary prerequisite for coordination between the individual country development plans.

6. Unification of legislation and terminology

In its meeting of June 4, 1975, the council adopted a resolution approving a unified customs law. The member states have been requested to adopt this law during a transitional period of time. During this period, a dialogue among member states is to be continued within the framework of the council until a complete unification of the present laws is reached.

Some Arab states presently rely on this law as a basis for their customs legislation, and others have already introduced many of its rulings into their legislations.

In addition to the unified customs law, a guide to unified customs terminology and a guide to unified customs settlements have been completed and approved by the council. These steps as well as all other related arrangements for unification and coordination of customs affairs and procedures are necessary steps toward establishing unified tariffs in the member states of the Arab Common Market.

7. Road and railway networks

Implementing the recommendations of the council for the development of infrastructure, road and railway networks have been proposed to establish the needed linkage among Arab countries and between them and other countries.

Currently, work on the remaining sections of the two networks is being sponsored and financed by individual countries or with whatever assistance the general secretariat can provide, to finance them through Arab country and national funds, particularly in countries which have difficulties in financing their sections.

8. The Arab Monetary Fund

The Arab Monetary Fund was established upon the initiative of the Council of Arab Economic Unity which had taken an active part in all the preliminary preparations that preceded the fund's commencement in 1977.

9. Technical assistance





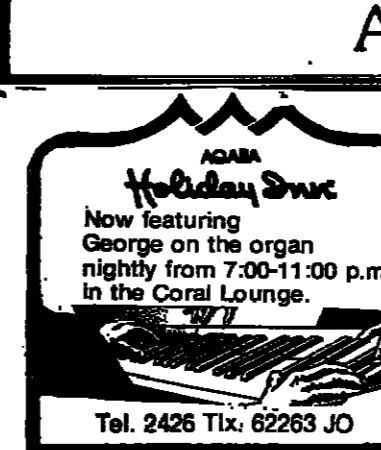



The council has given special attention to the matter of developing statistical capabilities in Arab countries through an annual assistance programme that is offered to the least developed member states. For the period 1977-1979 the size of this assistance reached the sum of \$1,237,000 that was allocated to the establishment and development of statistical apparatuses in member states, including the training of technical staff, granting research fellowships and covering the costs of statistical machines and equipment.

The council also has a special assistance programme for the establishment and development of long-term planning units in member states.

10. Cooperation with international organisations

In line with the council's inclination to establish cooperative relationships with international organisations and to benefit from their capabilities and expertise, agreements have been signed for cooperation with the U.N. Development Programme, the general secretariat of the U.N. Conference for Trade and Development and with the International Trade Centre.

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S. Open defeat: A hard blow to Borg

NEW YORK, Sept. 14 (R)—Bjorn Borg insists that three million dollars a year, marriage, five Wimbledon and six French titles have not blunted his will to win, particularly in the U.S. Open, the major tournament he has not won.

the determination which often turned matches his... defeat was a crushing blow... 25-year-old Borg whose... 6-3, for the second year... the fourth time Borg had... to win the title...

1975, to win three straight U.S. men's singles titles and the first man to win both Wimbledon and the Open in the same year since Jimmy Connors in 1978.

"I felt the pressure going for a third straight title. It was very satisfying to win it. It's a lot harder to stay at the top than to get there," McEnroe said.

In a desultory match reviving few memories of their epic battles at Wimbledon the last two years and in last year's U.S. final, both McEnroe and Borg were below their top form.

There were few exciting rallies, little drama and a lot of unforced errors.

Always a gracious loser, Borg hurriedly left the National Tennis

Centre after the match apparently because of a second threat on his life in two days.

On Saturday night a man threatened Borg's life in a telephone call to the tennis centre shortly before he went on court against American Jimmy Connors.

Then yesterday, about an hour after the final began, a similar threat was received. A spokesman of the U.S. Tennis Association said Borg was not aware of either threat while he was on court.

He showed then left through a rear entrance, again accompanied by police and security guards. It was the latest in a series of death threats against the popular, soft-spoken Borg.

Borg had problems with his service, which was devastating against Connors in the semi-final, and was unable to sustain a consistent ground attack in yesterday's final.

He hammered in eight aces, six less than against Connors, but they were offset by seven double faults, several on crucial points.

McEnroe blasted home 10 aces and blunted Borg's serve with deft returns, forcing the Swede to gamble more on service.

The American said he "played my best match of the tournament. Playing against Borg, the adrenaline flows a lot more."

He said his strategy differed from that of Connors. "I'm not going to give him that pace like Connors. Connors hits so hard that it allows Borg to get into a rhythm of belting the ball. I tried to change my speeds during rallies."

American Anne Smith collected two titles on the final day of the tournament. She partnered American Kathy Jordan to win the women's doubles against American Rosamery Casals and Wendy Turnbull of Australia 6-3, 6-3, then teamed with South African Kevin Curren to beat Americans Steve Denton and Joanne Russell 6-4, 7-6, in the mixed doubles.

McEnroe and American Peter Fleming won the men's doubles on Friday by default when Heinz Gunthardt of Switzerland, who was to have partnered Australian Peter McNamara in the final, was taken ill with intestinal flu.

American Tracy Austin won the women's singles title beating Czechoslovakian-born Martina Navratilova 1-6, 7-6, 7-6, in Saturday's final.

New world records in Norway track meet

KNARVIK, Norway, Sept. 14 (A.P.)—Henry Rono of Kenya and Paule Fudge of Britain bettered the 5,000 metre world records for men and women to 13:06.20 and 15:14.51 during an international athletics meet here yesterday.

On the artificial track surface at the brand new Knarvik Stadium near Bergen, Rono shaved more than two seconds of his own record of 13:08.4 set at Berkeley, California on April 4, 1978.

Kip Koskei of Kenya placed second in 13:36.00 and Stig Roar Husby of Norway was third in 14:03.86.

It was the third time this season that the women 5,000 metre record was bettered.

Ingrid Kristiansen of Norway, who set the first record this season with 13:28.43 in Oslo July 11, placed second yesterday 15:29.21.

Last month Jelena Sipatova of the Soviet Union lowered the

women's record to 15:24.7.

In 1978 Loa Olafsson of Denmark ran the 5,000 metre in 15:08.8 in Copenhagen but that time was not recognised, because men were running in the same field.

Henry Rono had earlier third week posted very good 5,000 metre times in other races at Rieti, Italy and at Crystal Palace Stadium in London to reveal top form just now.

"I peaked today. James Espire and Ian Stewart of Britain both helped to keep up the pace. They found exactly the right rhythm. I'm delighted with the new record. Now I'll prepare confidently for the Olympics in Los Angeles 1984," Rono said after the race.

In another race here Stat Cram of Britain won the 800 metre race in a new personal best was 1:46.50. His previously best was 1:48.50. Mitchell Hyland of Australia placed second in 1:47.27.

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Nottinghamshire wins English County 'cricket championship

LONDON, Sept. 14 (R)—Nottinghamshire ended a barren 52-year period by winning the English County cricket championship for the first time since 1929 today.

They clinched the title with a 10-wicket triumph over Glamorgan with a day and a half to spare, with New Zealand fast bowler Richard Hadlee the toast of his county team-mates yet again.

Hadlee took four for 18 as Glamorgan were skittled out for 60 in their first innings and he wasted no time in making his presence felt as the Welshmen resumed at 33 for one this morning, still 56 runs behind.

Allan Jones and Rodney Ontong both fell to Hadlee without a run being added and Glamorgan were all out for 149 by lunch, the New Zealander ending with four wickets for 38.

Only Pakistan's Javed Miandad threatened to delay Nottinghamshire's champagne celebrations with a sparkling 75 before he, too, fell victim to Hadlee.

Nottinghamshire must have gone into lunch with a healthy appetite in the knowledge that they needed only 30 runs to secure their 13th title.

Just 20 minutes later Notts achieved that ambition without loss although the winning run came somewhat disappointingly from a no-ball by Malcolm Nash.

Hadlee, the only bowler to claim 100 victims this summer, has also given Nottinghamshire some sterling service with the bat. He has made 745 runs, including 142 not out against Yorkshire at the start of the season.

THE BETTER HALF. By Vinson

"Hmmm... 53 inches. I guess it just LOOKS small."

JUMBLE. THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Bob Lee

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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AHVEBE
ELDAHN

Where are the rest of you?
LESS THAN TWENTY KIDS ARE IN THIS.

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here:

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: PYLON QUEUE INFANT APPEAR
Answer: What a knotty problem might do—
TIE ONE UP

Peanuts

GUESS WHAT! I JUST REMEMBERED MY LOCKER COMBINATION! IT'S...

RATS! I FORGOT IT AGAIN!

THE NEXT TIME YOU REMEMBER IT, WRITE IT DOWN

THE NEXT TIME I REMEMBER IT, I'LL BE IN COLLEGE

Andy Capp

I FEEL SO INFERIOR TO THE REST OF THE GIRLS AT WORK, FLO.

IF ONLY I'D GOT MARRIED WHEN I HAD THE CHANCE

MARRIAGE GIVES ONE POSITION

YES, SUE

AN' PREVENTS ONE FROM KEEPIN' IT UP

Mutt 'n' Jeff

BRUNO, IS THAT YOU?

GOOD BOY, OKAY LIE DOWN!

FORECAST FOR TUESDAY, SEPT. 15, 1981

YOUR DAILY Horoscope

from the Carroll Righter Institute

GENERAL TENDENCIES: A good day to make important decisions and then to enlist the support of your associates. Make plans for the future and expect prosperous results from your efforts.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Once you have all the information necessary, you can approach a higher-up for the backing you need. Express optimism.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Come to a better accord with persons in the business world. Engage in favorite hobby with congenials tonight. Be poised.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Strive for more harmony with associates early in the day. An important civic matter requires your personal handling.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Don't be so demanding or critical of others at this time. Evening is fine for checking up on your wardrobe needs.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Discuss your aims with associates and then get busy with the work required to gain them. Take no chances with a foe.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Showing more than usual affection for family members is wise at this time. Take needed health treatments.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Make appointments early in the day and be sure to keep them. Shopping should be done before sundown today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Plan how to have more income and then contact key persons who can give the support you need. Relax at home tonight.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Make your plans early in the day and be sure to follow them. Apply your talents in the right manner for best results.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) You could have private anxieties which logical thinking can easily remove. Improve your appearance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) If you discuss business matters with a trusted friend, you can gain the advice needed to make your operation a success.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Handle any vocational activity wisely and then make the right decisions with others later in the day.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY... he or she will want to do much experimenting early in life, but later will follow more practical channels. Teach to delve into philosophies that will be beneficial to your progeny. Don't neglect ethical and religious training.

"The Stars impel, they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!

THE Daily Crossword By Nellie Meyer

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